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SUBJ LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP MEETING JULY 18

1. WG DEALT WITH POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY IN REGARD TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE, AND RULES, STANDARDS AND PRACTICES.

2. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. UK STATED AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ELIMATED TO ENCOURAGING RESEARCH. IT OBJECTED SPECIFICALLY TO CARRYING OUT, ASSISTING AND REGULATING RESEARCH. WITH THAT QUALIFICATION, UK REP SAID FUNCTION COULD BE THAT OF ASSEMBLY. CANADA EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS. SPECIFICALLY HE DID NOT BELIEVE AUTHORITY SHOULD CARRY OUT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. USSR REP PROPOSED NEW TEXT WHICH WOULD GIVE ASSEMBLY POWER TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND SEABED RESOURCES. BRAZIL PROPOSED ASSEMBLY HAVE

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FULL POWERS IN THIS AREA TO ADOPT PRINCIPLES AND RECOM-

MENDATIONS. TANZANIA OBJECTED TO DENYING AUTHORITY POWER TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH. USSR REP STATED THAT USSR COULD NOT AGREE TO GIVING AUTHORITY ANY REGULATORY FUNCTION CONCERNING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR AGREE TO ANYTHING LIMITING SUCH FREEDOM.

3. FACILITIES AND SERVICES. UK REP SAID PROVISION OF SERVICES EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES COULD BETTER BE HANDLED BY SUBSIDIARY ORGANS RATHER THAN BY ASSEMBLY OR COUNCIL. ENCOURAGING EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND TRAINING OF SCIENTISTS, HE SAID SHOULD BE PROPER FUNCTION OF ASSEMBLY. TANZANIA EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO TRANSFERRING ALL OF THESE FUNCTIONS TO ASSEMBLY.

4. RULES, STANDARDS AND PRACTICES. TURKEY RENEWED PROPOSAL, MADE IN MARCH SESSION, FOR COUNCIL FUNCTION IN HANDLING HISTORICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES FOUND ON SEABED. FRENCH REP URGED THAT ALL FUNCTIONS SHOULD GO TO ASSEMBLY EXCEPT LICENSING WHICH WOULD BE IN TREATY ITSELF. FRANCE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TEXT GIVING ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY TO EXAMINE ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING GRANTING OF BLOCKS, OR SECTORS, OF SEABED TO STATES OR GROUPS OF STATES FOR EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. FRENCH REP STATED FRANCE WANTS A GENERAL RULE IN TREATY ON GRANTING OF BLOCKS. UK REP STATED THAT CONVENTION ITSELF SHOULD CONTAIN BASIC RULES EITHER IN ARTICLES OR IN ANNEX. WHERE ADDITIONAL RULES ARE REQUIRED, THIS SHOULD BE FUNCTION OF COUNCIL OR TECHNICAL COMMISSION. CANADIAN REP SAID GENERAL RULES SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN CONVENTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW RULES SHOULD BE LEFT TO SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS. TANZANIA, NOTING THAT MOST PROVISIONS UNDER THIS HEADING HAD COME FROM TANZANIAN DRAFT, EXPRESSED UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHICH ORGAN SHOULD HAVE POWER AND FUNCTION TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

5. APPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY'S RULES, STANDARDS AND PRACTICES. US REP URGED THAT THIS ISSUE BE DEBATED WHEN WG DISCUSSES COUNCIL ALTHOUGH US DRAFT TREATY UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVOTES SEPARATE SECTION TO THIS ISSUE. IN ORDER TO PRESENT ALL US PROPOSALS ON RULE-MAKING IN ONE PLACE US INTENDS TO ASK THAT THESE PROVISIONS BE PLACED UNDER COUNCIL SECTION OF WG TEXTS. USSR DEL SAID THAT HE CATEGORICALLY OBJECTS TO ANY SUCH TEXT WHICH MAKES RULES BINDING ON ALL STATES EVEN THOSE WHICH VOTE AGAINST RULE. WG DECIDED NOT TO OPEN DISCUSSION OF THIS SECTION. BASSIN

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